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25X1 1. [] Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, called and asked if the Director could brief the full Senate Armed Services Committee next week. I reminded him (as Mr. Maury had done earlier) of the Director's commitment to the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee next Tuesday and Wednesday, adding that it was a very full schedule next week. Braswell said Senator Stennis had advised the full Committee today that he would have Mr. Helms or "his chief briefer" come up and brief the full Committee next week and asked if this couldn't be done on Thursday. Braswell added this was a result of a request from Senator Dominick and, as he understood it, would consist of a world wrapup briefing at the secret level. I told Braswell I would take this up with the Director and be back in touch with him.

25X1 2. [] Met with Mr. Robert Nicholas, House Appropriations Committee staff, and received from him a series of questions prepared for Representative Robert Sikes (D., Fla.) for his use during the briefing by the DCI on 2 and 3 March. [] has been advised. 25X1A

25X1 3. [] Met with Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and alerted him to the fact of a possible call to the Committee from Representative Paul McCloskey (R., Calif.) for a briefing on Agency activities in Laos. Mr. Blandford foresees no problem in handling such a question and asked that he be brought up-to-date on the Agency personnel strengths and costs in Laos for the Chairman's benefit should the question arise of current availability of information on Laos within the Committee.

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25X1 4. [] Met with Mr. Homer McMurray, Clerk, Office of Official Reporters to House Committees, and reviewed with him the procedures for secure handling of the transcription of the Director's briefing of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee on 2 and 3 March. Mr. McMurray will utilize reporters and transcribers who hold current top secret clearances with the Department of Defense and will advise me when final designation of personnel has been made.

25X1 5. [] Received a call from Miss Betty Williamson, Assistant to Senator John Tower (R., Tex.), who said she was making appointments for a representative of the Youth Freedom Speakers to talk to various people in Washington about the "student rebel movements in the United States." Miss Williamson was referred to the Internal Security Division, Department of Justice.

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25X1 7. [] Called Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, to report a phone conversation the Director had this morning with Chairman Ellender regarding a possible meeting between the two.

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3. [Redacted] Talked to Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and confirmed room H. 140 for the Director's briefing of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee on 2 and 3 March. Mr. Preston also told me that a transcript will be taken by the official reporters to committees. He requested that I followthrough on necessary security arrangements with the reporter's office.

4. [Redacted] Received a call from Judith Spahr, Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations staff, Senate Committee on Government Operations, who requested, if available, a copy of "The Indzentzev Report" published, Spring 1969, by the Moscow Institute for World Economy and International Relations. [Redacted] DDI, has been advised.

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6. [] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and set the time for sweep of the Defense Subcommittee Hearing Room for 8:30 on 2 and 3 March. Mr. Preston had no additional suggestions for content of the briefing other than noting once again the Committee's interest in an "in-depth" briefing on Cuba. Late in the day I delivered a Reserve withdrawal letter for the Chairman to Mr. Preston's office.

I briefed Mr. Preston on the following current intelligence items: Soviet SS-NX-8 naval missile; Soviet oceanographic research ships, Lebedev and Vavilov; and the Soviet Maritime mission to Singapore.

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8. [] Paul Lafond, on the staff of Representative Paul McCloskey (R., Calif.), called at about 5:20 to say that Representative McCloskey was very anxious for an Agency briefing on the situation in North Vietnam early Monday morning. He said McCloskey would be glad to come by the Agency at 8 o'clock if this would be convenient. I said I would call him back.

After checking with Mr. Carver and finding it would be most inconvenient for him under these circumstances, I took up the matter with the Director and on his instructions called Lafond back to explain that unfortunately we could not satisfy his request this time--that the appropriate personnel were simply not available, and we suggested that Mr. McCloskey could get an adequate briefing from State or Defense. Lafond said it would be quite impossible to get anything organized with State or Defense on such short notice and the Congressman would be extremely disappointed. I said we were sorry too, but under the circumstances we just couldn't work it out.

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1. [REDACTED] Miss Dale Sutherland, in the office of Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.), called on behalf of a constituent for recent Agency maps on Communist China and after further discussion she felt that the Communist China Map Folio would suffice nicely.

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3. [REDACTED] As a result of several conversations with Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, and consultations with the Director, it was agreed that the Director's briefing of the Defense Subcommittee would be on Tuesday and Wednesday, 2 and 3 March, at 10:00 a.m., that we should be prepared for an all-day session on both days, and that attendance would be limited to members of the Defense Subcommittee only.

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4. [REDACTED] Met with Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, and Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, whom I briefed on latest information regarding ChiCom fighter plane production, Soviet Y-class submarine movements, tests of a new Soviet aircraft, a new Soviet installation in the Far East, recent developments in Southeast Asia, and a possible emerging crisis between India and Pakistan.

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5. [] Met with Mrs. Oneta Stockstill, Executive Secretary, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed with her the Committee's request for Agency report on H. R. 1600, a bill submitted by Representative William Ryan (D., N. Y.) that prohibits Agency financial support of domestic organizations. In brief, it is Mrs. Stockstill's suggestion that an unfavorable report from the Agency, if that is our position, be submitted. Similar bills on which no action was taken have been presented in each of the last two Congresses by Representative Ryan.

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6. [] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who asked if the Director could be available on the 18th, 19th, 22nd or 23rd of February for the annual two-day briefing of the Defense Subcommittee. He told me that the Chairman's time will be occupied on the 24th, 25th and 26th of February by the appearance of the Secretary of Treasury; on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of March by open hearings on the SS-T; on the 4th and 5th of March by the appearance of the Secretary of Defense before the Defense Subcommittee; and so on well into the month.

Mr. Preston told me that question has been raised by members of the full Committee concerning outside discussion of matters taking place in executive session since nothing in the Committee rules precludes outside discussion; attendance by members of the full Committee at hearings held by the Defense Subcommittee; and procedures necessary for members of the full Committee to obtain the "special clearances" necessary for attendance at meetings of the Defense Subcommittee. Mr. Preston will keep me advised on developments.

I briefed Mr. Preston on the Indochina situation; Cuba; Pakistani-Indian problems; Soviet Pacific Y-class submarine force; Soviet "KAZ-A" bomber; and Soviet radar and other facilities in southern Mongolia.

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7. [] Called Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, suggesting that in view of the Director's other commitments the briefing of the Defense Subcommittee be scheduled for 19 and 23 February. Preston wondered whether the briefing could be compressed into a single day and I said if the Subcommittee was willing to accept a somewhat abbreviated version this might be done. Preston said he would check with the Chairman and let us know tomorrow.

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